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STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE GROUP (SIG)

ACTIVITIES REPORT - JANUARY 1979

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1. Early in January [REDACTED] requested the Chief of 25X1A6a Station to provide him with a copy of the CIB by 0800 each morning. Arrangements were made with J-2 and his Special Security Office (SSO) for the latter to deliver the CIB to [REDACTED] 25X1A6a. The SSO now picks up [REDACTED] copies from SIG at 0740. Prior 25X1A6a to the initiation of this procedure [REDACTED] did not actually 25X1A6a read the CIB although selected items were included in the oral 25X1A6a briefing for [REDACTED] and his key staff members at 0830 by the SSO briefing officer. This oral briefing is still conducted and a preliminary copy of the CIB is provided the SSO for this purpose at 0600. According to his J-2, [REDACTED] always reads the 25X1A6a entire Daily Brief but not necessarily the backup items.

25X1A6a 2. During January the intelligence interests and efforts of SIG and of the [REDACTED] intelligence community as a whole were focused primarily on Southeast Asia. Developments watched especially closely were (a) the likelihood of a coup in Cambodia, (b) Thai-Cambodian-South Vietnamese relations, (c) Cabinet reshuffle in Laos, (d) North Vietnam-Laos border incursions, (e) pressure for reactivation of the ICC for Laos, (f) Sarit's health and the possible consequences should he become totally incapacitated, and (g) various aspects of the situation in Indonesia especially Sino-Soviet Bloc aid, possible government reorganization, and indications of the government taking a stronger stand against the PKI.

25X1A6a 3. Although intelligence interest in Southeast Asian matters is normally high in [REDACTED] staff, this area was watched especially closely during recent weeks because of the scheduled tour of the 25X1A6a area by [REDACTED], his Political Advisor and several other members of his staff. The party departed [REDACTED] on 29 January 25X1A6a and is due back on 21 February. By coincidence the weeks immediately preceding and following their departure were fraught with potentially critical situations developing in several of the

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areas on their itinerary. In addition to conducting an analysis and review of the area developments at our station pre-Watch
25X1A6a and the [REDACTED] meetings, frequent informal discussions were held with members of J-2 and the office of the Political Advisor. Throughout all this the timely coverage of developments in the OCI publications and in the Agency field reports provided the greater portion of good intelligence on the area and was appreciated by all concerned.

4. The "Black Book" of armed forces strengths and dispositions prepared and maintained by Military Division of OCI is being put to good use here. Some time ago the J-2 was directed to prepare a similar ready reference book for use in briefing
25X1A6a [REDACTED]. SIG was asked for loan of their book by the J-2 briefing officer for use as a pattern in preparing his own. As revised pages are received they are loaned to J-2 for incorporation in their book together with material of their own choosing. In providing this service, SIG has indicated amply and clearly the purpose for which the black book is intended and that it does not necessarily contain the "last word" on any subject. It does contain in usable form a large volume of handy reference material not otherwise readily available [REDACTED]. J-2's book was 25X1A6a
25X1A6a taken along on [REDACTED] current trip and our copy was loaned to the J-2 briefers on their request for use by them until their copy is returned.

5. Other miscellaneous activities engaged in by SIG during January include:

25X1A6a a. SIG, together with other station personnel, briefed
25X1A6a [REDACTED] on significant intelligence pertaining to Southeast Asia. SIG covered the economic situation with special emphasis on Sino-Soviet Bloc aid in Southeast Asia and the important aspects of the political situation in Indonesia.

b. At the request of Col. Robert Bay and Lt. Col. John [REDACTED] J-2, SIG discussed with them the situation in Indonesia.

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in connection with an estimate they were preparing for [REDACTED] 25X1A6a
SIG engaged in a similar discussion with Lt. Col. James Nolan
and Maj. John Sidenberg [REDACTED] In discussions of this 25X1A6a
nature SIG statements are based largely on material appearing
in DDI publications and Agency field reports.

c. Capt. Leroy C. Simpler, USN, [REDACTED] Public 25X1A6a
Information Officer, was briefed on the publications of the
[REDACTED] and the propaganda guidance
material produced by the Chinese Nationalists. Recent examples
of the various publications produced by both organizations were
given to him.

d. Following up the invitation extended Admiral Evans,
U.S. Coast Guard, when he was briefed in December, Lt. Williams,
USCG, of the 14th Coast Guard District Office visited [REDACTED] 25X1A6a
library. The librarian pointed out the reference works which
might be of interest to Coast Guard officers being assigned posts
in the Pacific area. Lt. Williams was especially interested in
the NIS series on the Pacific Ocean area and requested that the
library facilities be made available for briefing USCG officers
reporting for duty in this area.

e. A discussion was held with Major Richard J. Jokl,
Estimates Staff, [REDACTED] concerning the current submarine construc-
tion program in the Sino-Soviet Bloc. He is especially anxious
to get any estimates of production of missile capable subs.

f. The Intelligence Offices [REDACTED] and the component 25X1A6a
commands expressed considerable interest in the status of the
Chinese missile program during the month. CIA/RR-GR-198 and CSM 609
was very well received; a digest of CIA/RR-GR-198 was reprinted
in the [REDACTED] Weekly Intelligence Digests for 9 and 16 January 1959.

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